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FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY STOESSEL FROM AMBASSADOR

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SUBJECT: NATO PERMREP'S CALL ON PRESIDENT

1. BELGIAN AND OTHER EUROPEAN MEDIA WE SEE AND HEAR IN BRUSSELS SEEM TO PLAY THE BREZHNEV VISIT TO POMPIDOU AS INDICATING THAT THE SOVIETS HAVE CHOSEN POMPIDOU AS THE LEGITIMATE SPOKESMAN (OR LISTENER) ON BEHALF OF WESTERN EUROPE. WHILE SOME OF THIS MORNING' S STORIES SUGGEST FRENCH DISCOMFITURE OVER ROLE, ESPECIALLY IN VIEW OF FRENCH VIEWS ON SUCH ISSUES AS MBFR, THE GENERAL IMPRESSION OF FRENCH QTE LEADERSHIP UNQTE REMAINS.

2. IN THIS SITUATION IT HAS OCCURRED TO ME THAT THE PLANNED CALL OF THE NATO PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES ON THE PRESIDENT, MENTIONED IN YESTERDAY' S WHITE HOUSE BRIEFING, MIGHT OFFER AN OPPORTUNITY TO REINFORCE THE PUBLIC IMPACT OF THE SECRETARY' S MEETING WITH NATO AMBASSADORS AND SHOW THE U. S. AS DEALING WITH EUROPEAN COUNTRIES ON A BASIS OF EQUALITY. THEREFORE, I WOULD URGE THAT THE CALL OF NAC MEMBERS ON THE PRESIDENT BE PRESENTED

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AS MOTIVATED BY THE PRESIDENT' S WISH TO SHARE WITH THEM
HIS COMMENTS ON LAST WEEK' S SUMMIT MEETING. AN ADVANCE
STATEMENT TO THIS EFFECT IN THE WHITE HOUSE BRIEFING AND
APPROPRIATE HANDLING AFTER THE CALL WOULD, I THINK, RECEIVE
CONSIDERABLE ATTENTION HERE. STRAUZ- HUPE

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